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**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION  
CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT (CEQA)**

**To:** Modoc County Clerk                      Office of Planning and Research  
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**From:** Modoc County Planning Department  
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**Project Title:** Frontier Project 5288533  
**Project Number:** EX2023-02  
**Project Location:** County Roads 56 & 115, Alturas, CA  
**Lead Agency:** Modoc County Planning Department  
**Applicant:** Frontier Communications  
**Lead Agency Contact Person:** Sean Curtis, Interim Planning Director  
**Phone Number:** (530) 233-6406

**Description of Project:** Applicant proposes the installation of 12, 218 feet of fiber optic cable by means of underground placement located along County Roads 56 & 115, in Modoc County. The proposed facility begins near the intersection of S. Estes St and County Road 56. Construction will continue east along County Road 56 for approximately 0.51 miles then turning south along County Road 115 for approximately 1.75 miles. The buried facility would include the installation of two (2) pull boxes for the purpose of placing and splicing cables. This proposed facility would upgrade an existing copper facility to broadband.

**Name of Public Agency Approving Project:** Modoc County Planning Department

**Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out the Project:** Frontier Communications

**Reasons Why the Project is Exempt:** This project will upgrade an existing copper facility to broadband in an underserved broadband area and facilitate improved communication services. The proposed project involves ground disturbance from minor trenching in which the holes will be backfilled and will have negligible or no expansion of the existing use.

**Exemption Status:**

- Ministerial (Section 21080(b)(1); 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Section 21080(b)(3); 15269(a))
- Emergency Project (Section 21080(b)(4); 15269(b)(c))
- Common Sense (Section 15061(b)(3))
- Categorical Exemption(s): 15301(c) Existing Facilities and 15304(f) Minor Land Alterations
- Statutory Exemption: (15261(a))

Signature: Sean Curtis

Date: 14 Feb 2023

Title: Interim Planning Director

Signed by Lead Agency

Signed by Applicant

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